

First G-APD Cherenkov Telescope

for ground-based γ -ray Astronomy

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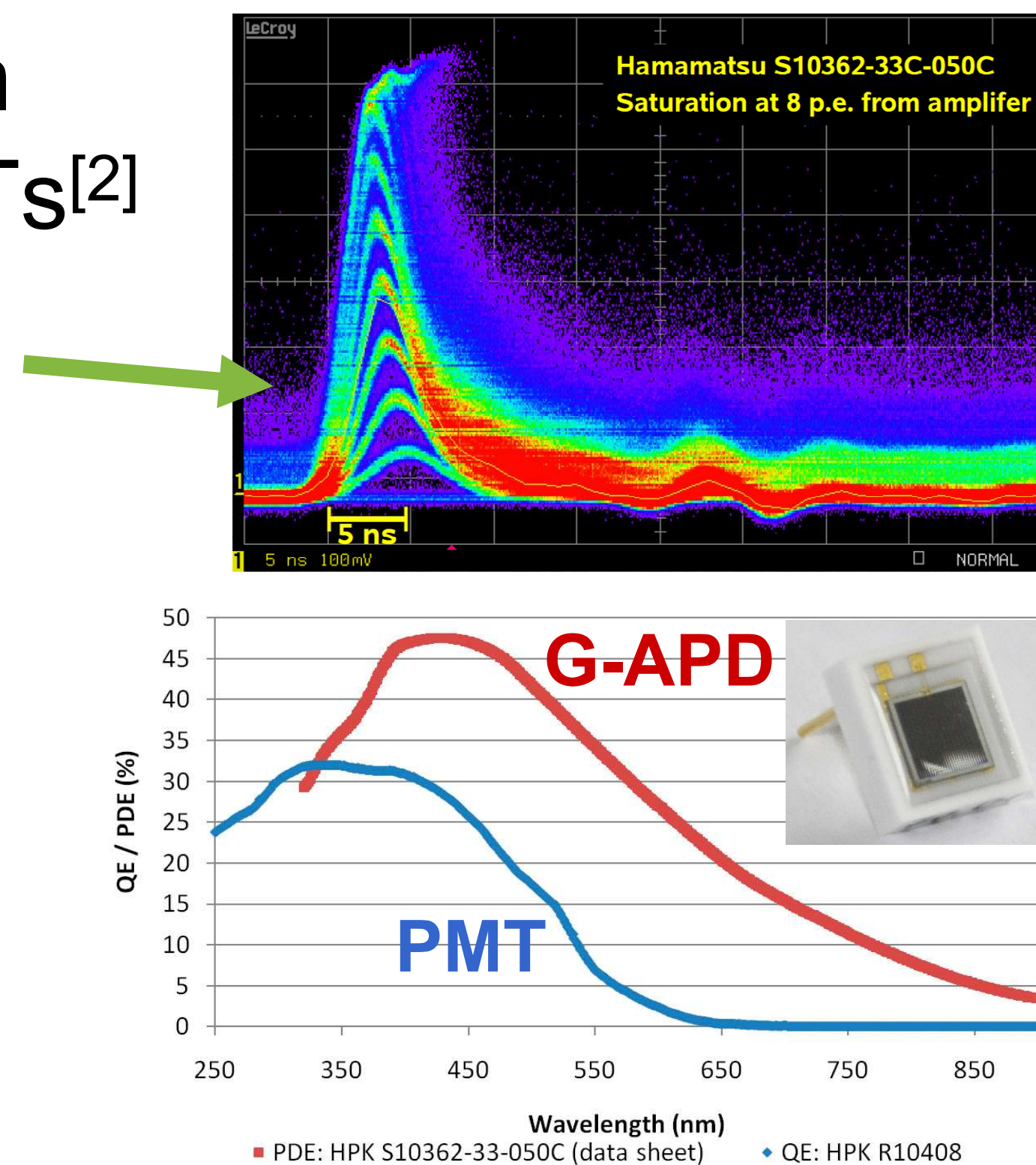
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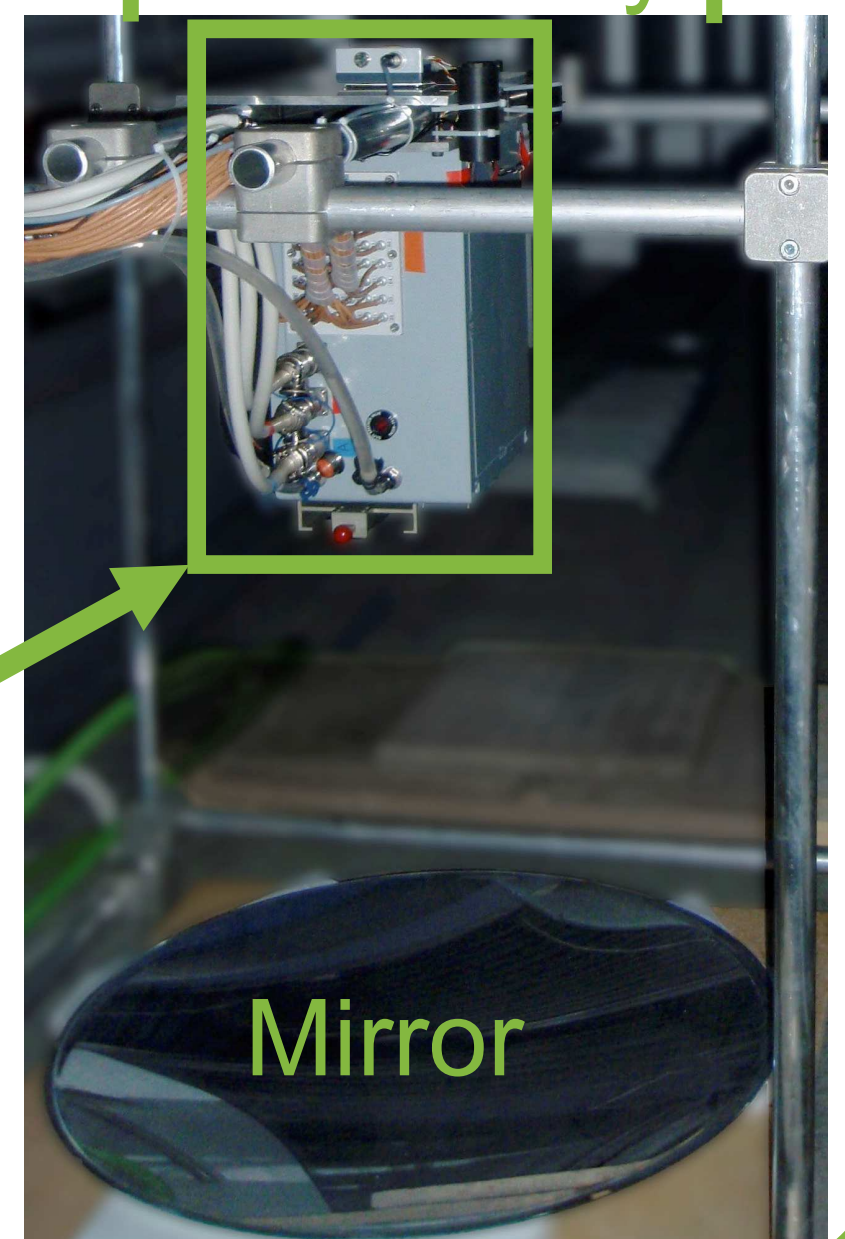
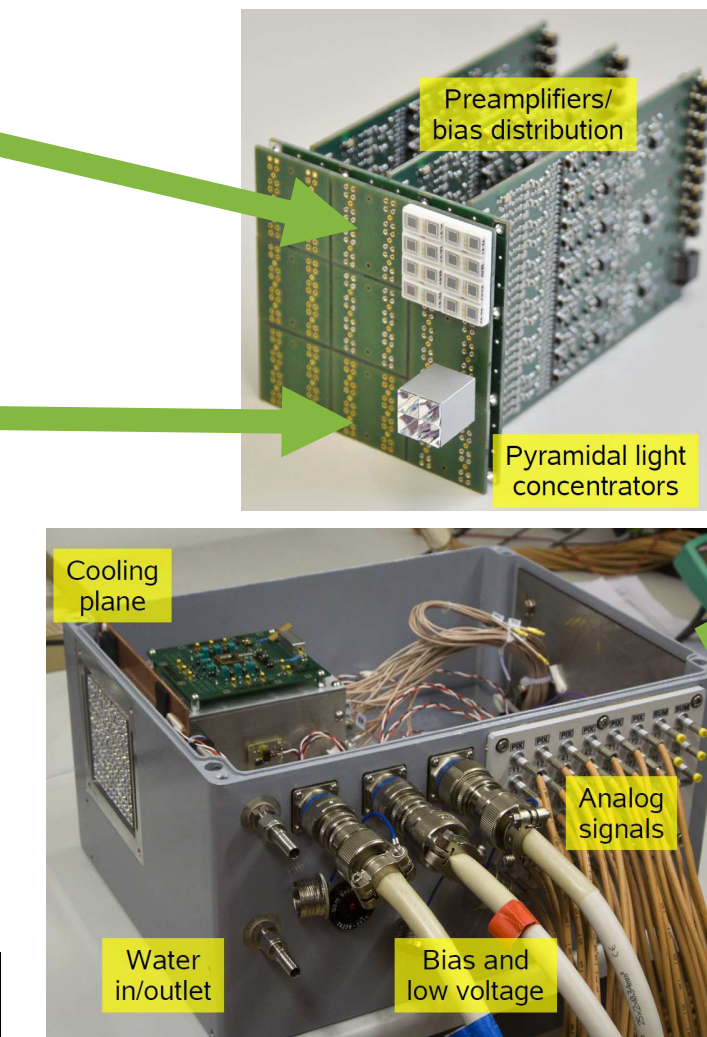
G-APDs^[1]

- Novel photosensors with potential to replace PMTs^[2]
- Single p.e. resolution
- High PDE
- Negligible time-jitter
- Not damaged by bright light
- Very compact & robust
- Not used in IACTs, **yet**



36-Pixel Testcamera M0^[3]

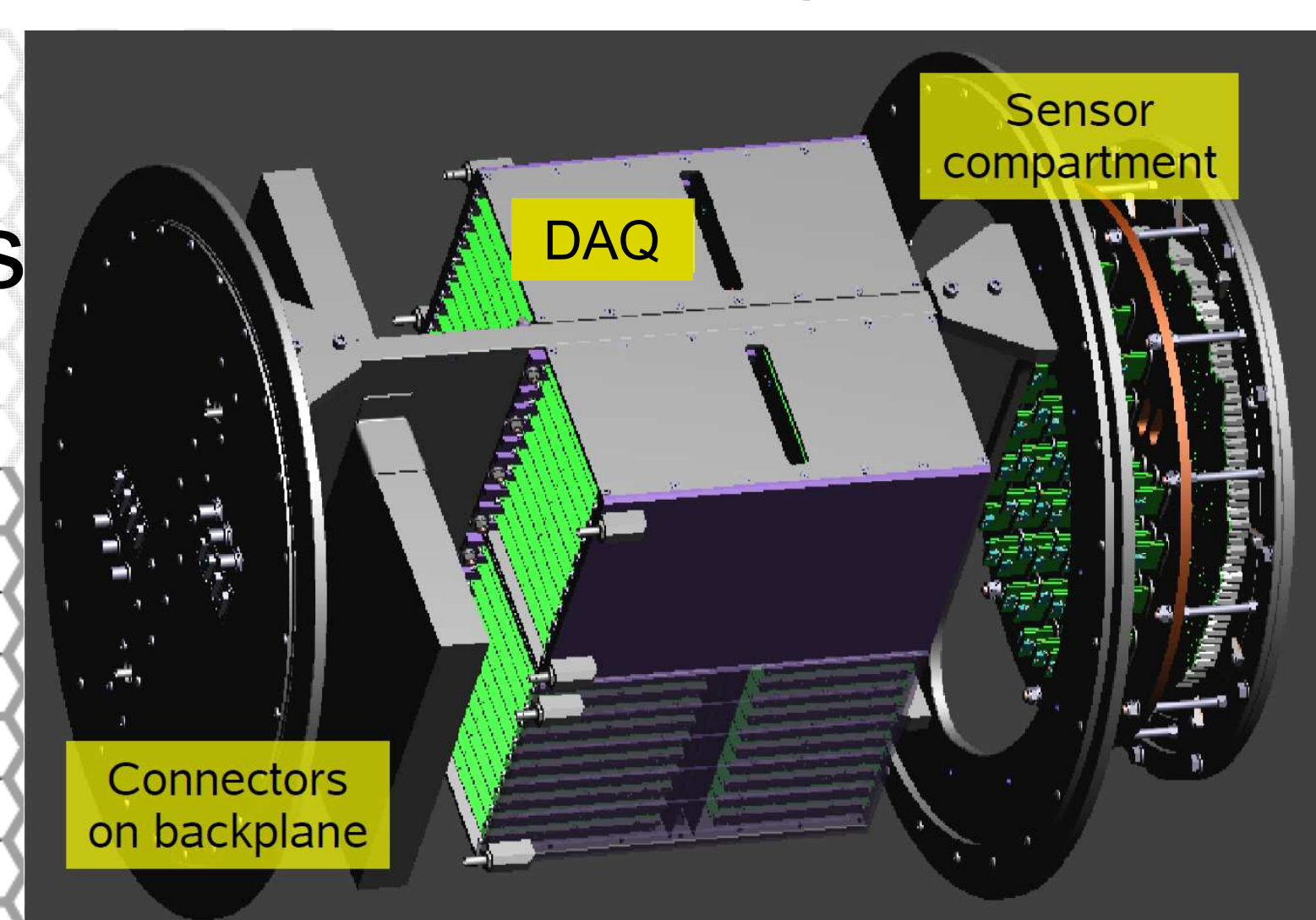
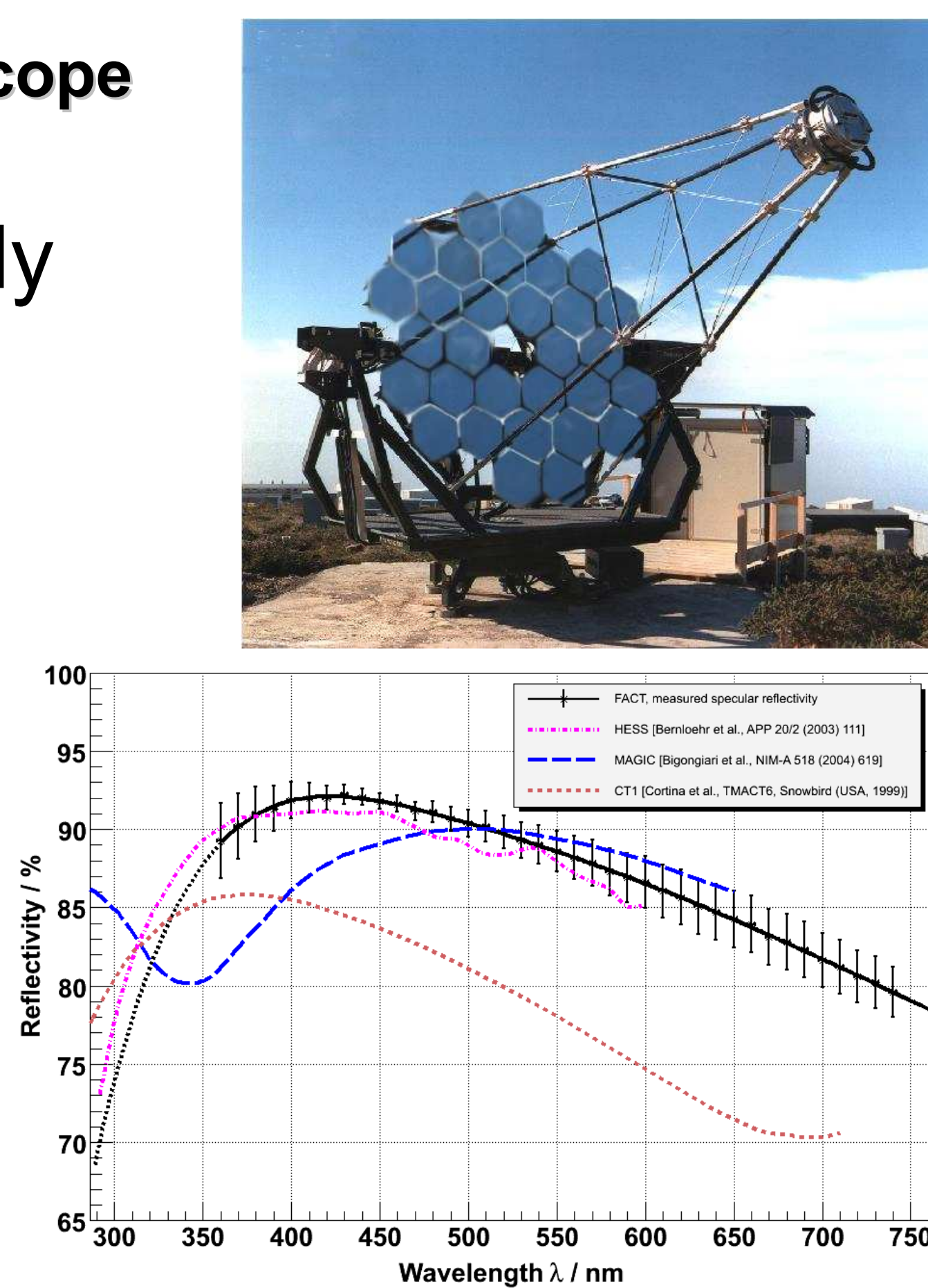
- First test to detect Cherenkov light from air showers with G-APDs^[4]
- 144 G-APDs
- 36 pixels
- Light-cones
- $\sim 1^\circ$ FoV/pixel
- DRS2 DAQ
- 1.2GHz NSB/pixel



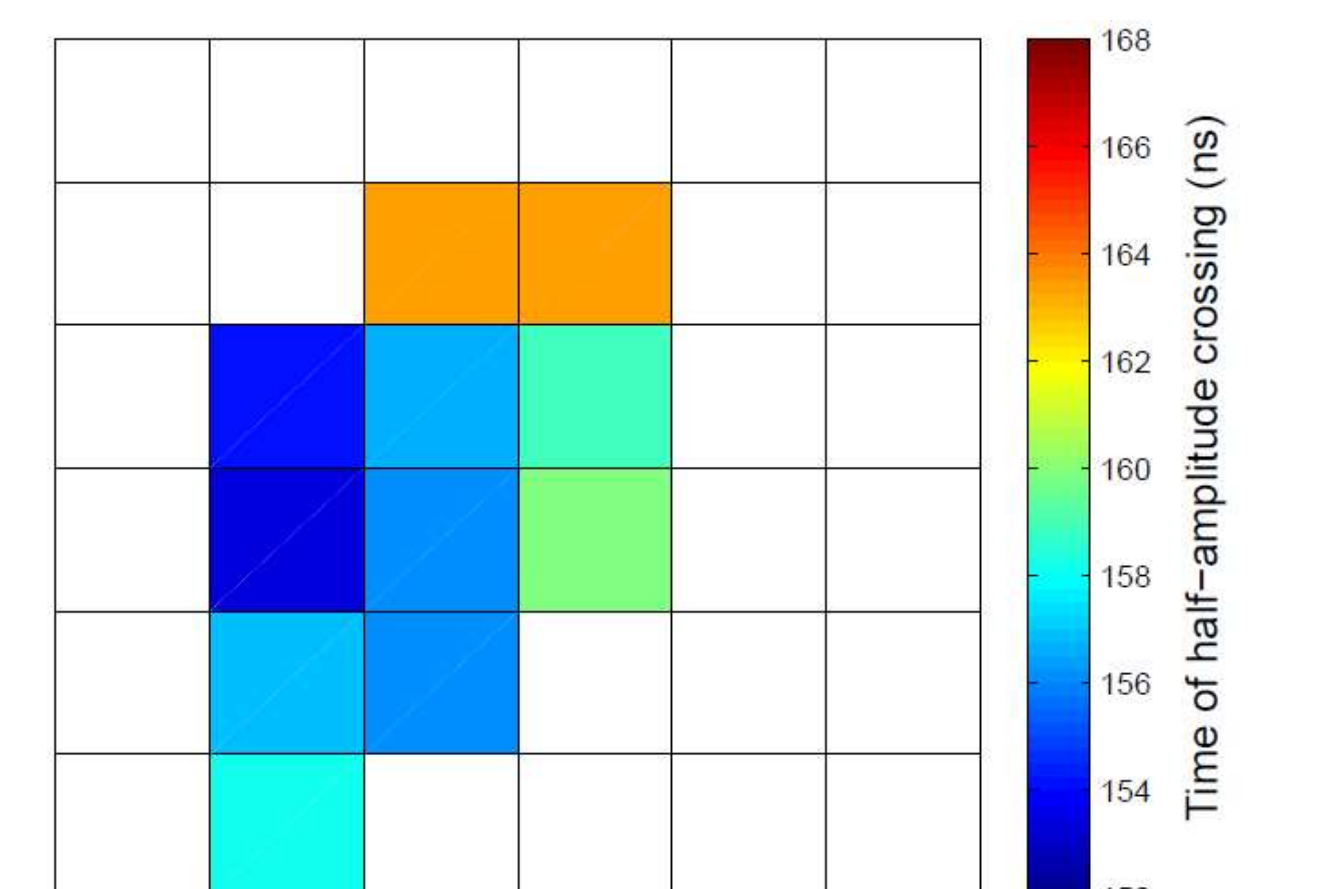
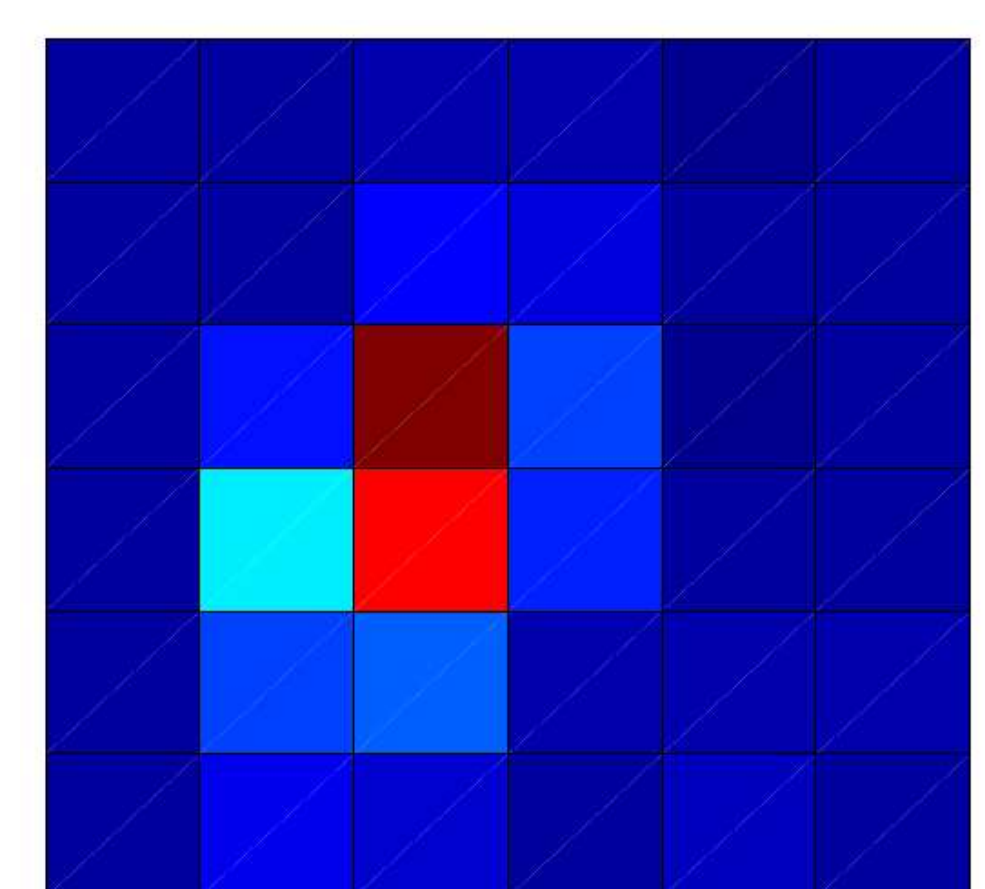
FACT^[6,7]

First G-APD Cherenkov Telescope

- Telescope Mount already on La Palma
- Microcontroller based Drive System
- 9m² Aluminum Mirrors
- G-APD Camera:
 - 1440 Pixel
 - Fully integrated DAQ
 - Based on DRS4
 - 2GHz sampling
 - Analog sum of groups of 9 pixels for trigger



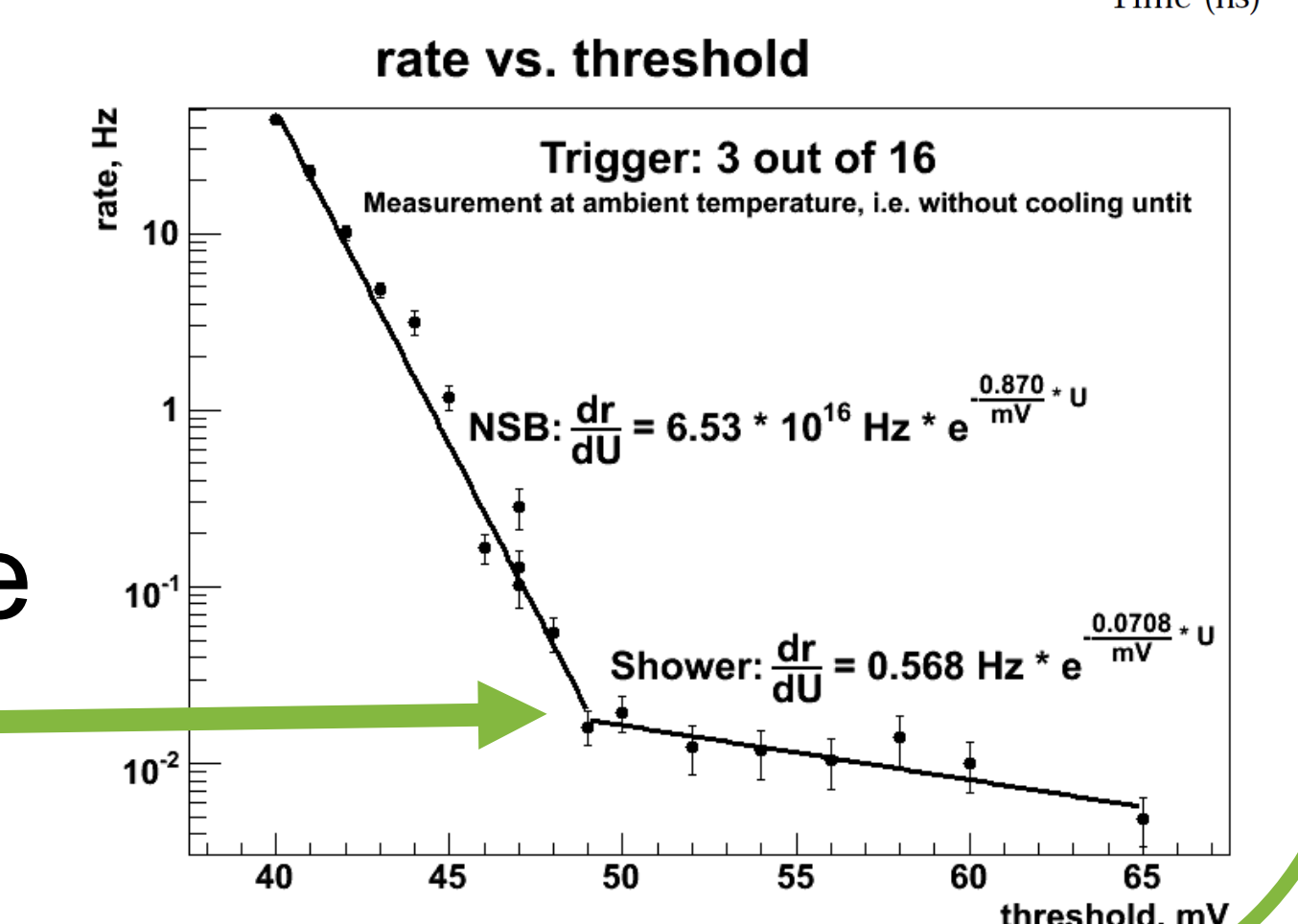
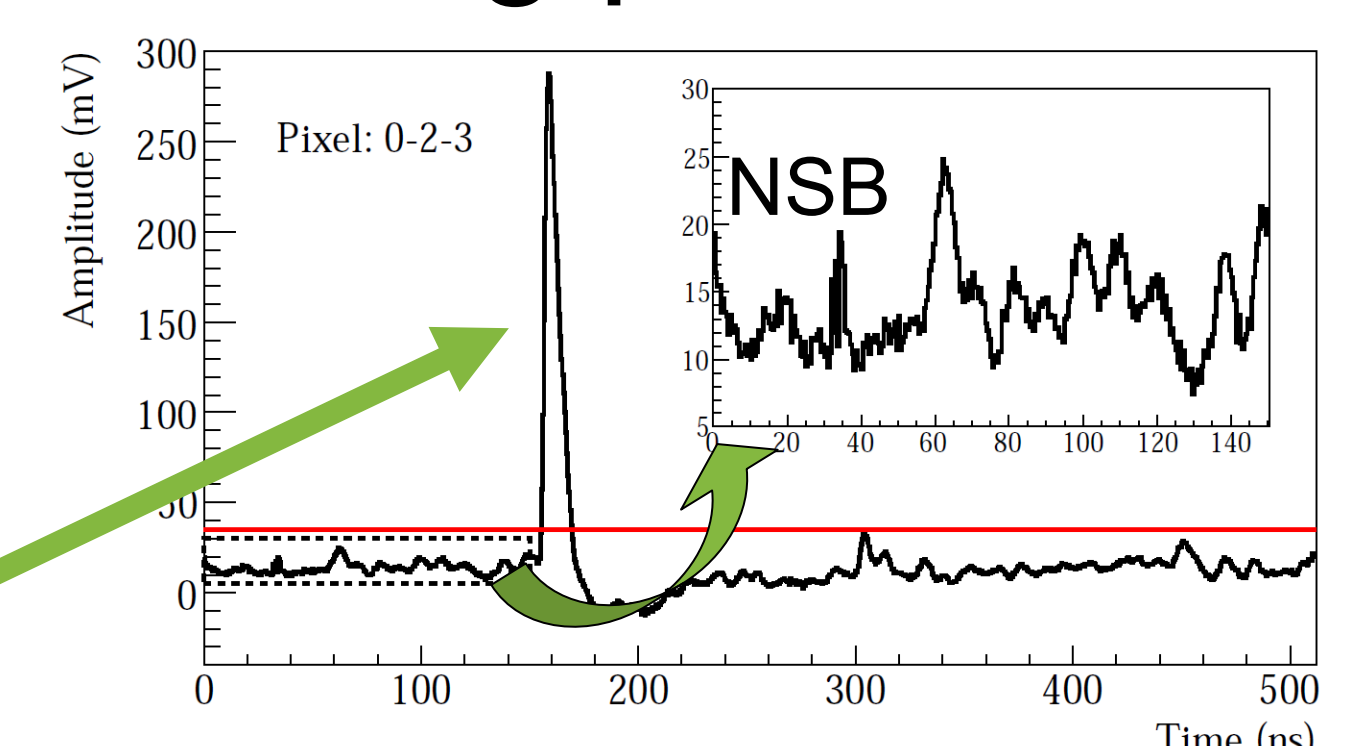
First G-APD Air-Showers^[5]



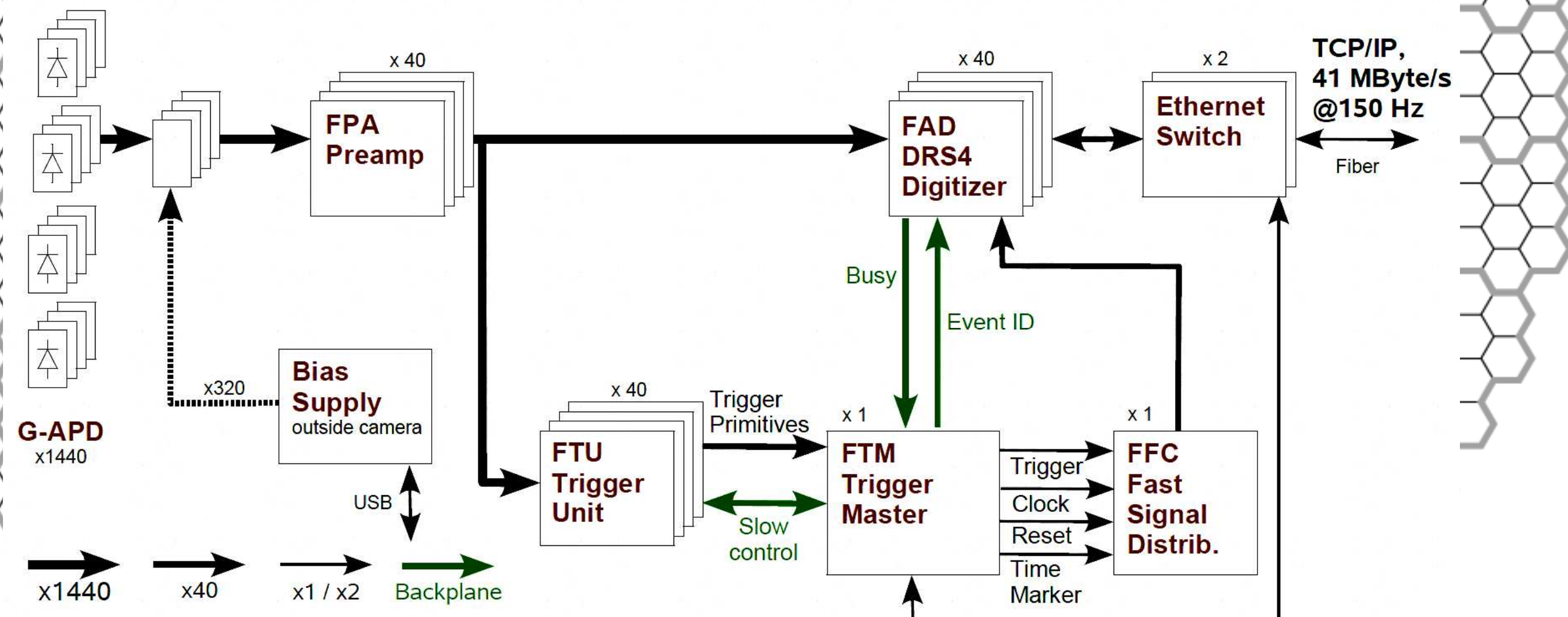
Shower signal

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- Operated at ambient temperature
- Self-triggered
- Real shower pulse
- Clear transition from night sky background (NSB) to showers in the rate when increasing the trigger threshold



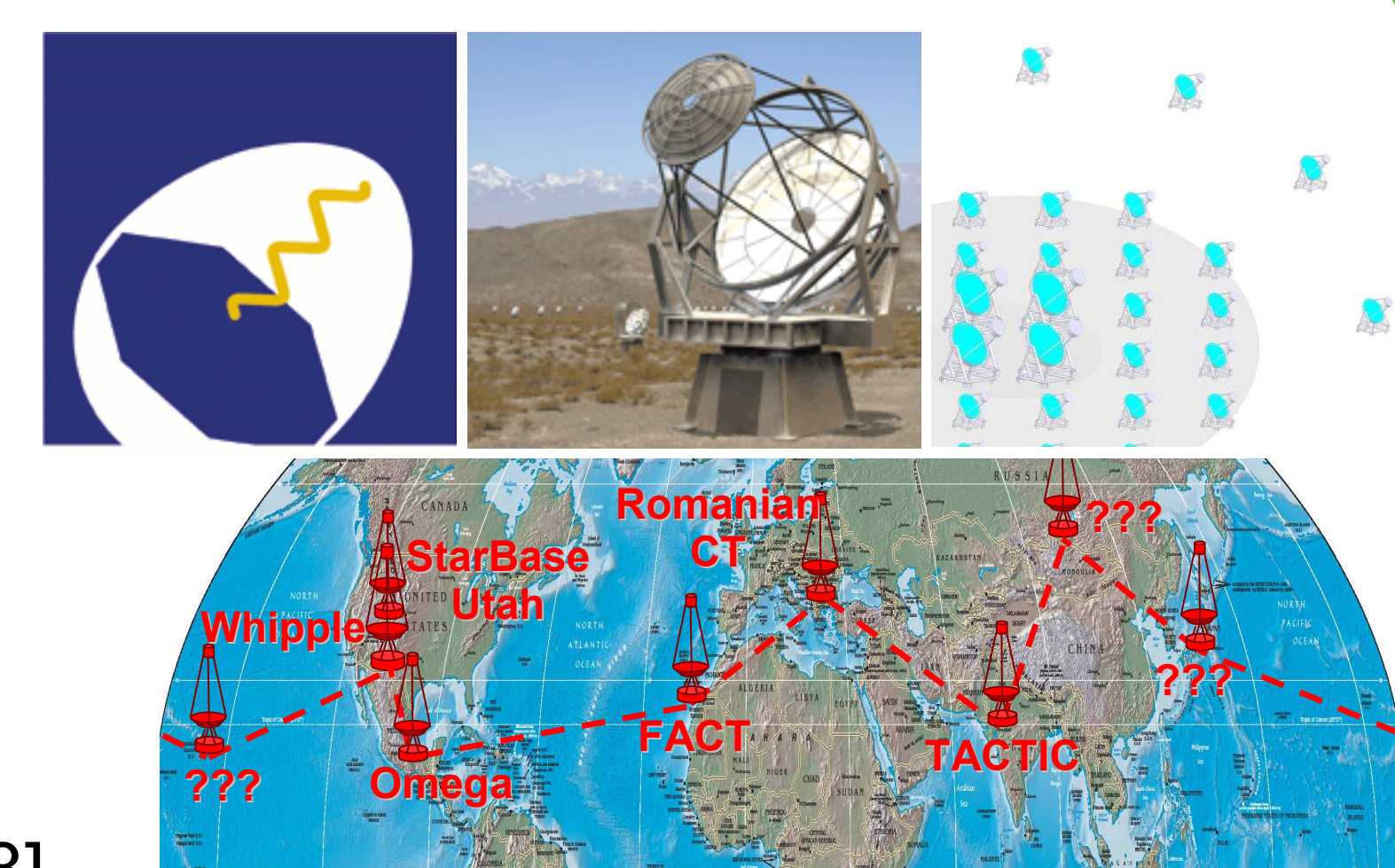
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Goal:
Observing Crab nebula next season

Future

- Possible use in
 - MAGIC upgrade
 - CTA upgrades
 - AGIS
 - DWARF-Network^[8]



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